REMARKS

The Office Action of July 28, 2005 has been considered in detail, and Applicants' hereby submit their comments to the Office Action below.

All pending claims have been cancelled, and new claims presented in order to address the various objections and rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §132 and §112. No new matter has been added.

Applicants offer the following remarks with respect to the prior art references discussed in the Final Office Action.

U.S. Patent 6,182,131 ("Dean-IBM")

This reference relates to opening an account with an ISP, for example, wherein a user has an existing account on a conventional LAN. The method involves extracting data from the user's LAN account for use in opening the new ISP account. Such an ISP account is not equivalent to a user account that provides an authorized user of the client computer with an amount of computing functionality/power of a headless computer entity, as per the new independent claims.

U.S. Patent 6,785,819 ("Sakakura-Mitsubishi")

This reference describes the use of an agent to connect several remote computer systems, and does not provide a user account on a "slave" headless computer as specified the in new claims presented herewith.

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U.S. Patent 5,734,831 ("Sanders-Sun")

This reference relates to administering a UNIX server using a GUI over a network. The components of the network appear to be conventional and do not provide the same type of user accounts on a group of headless computers as the system of the present application.

U.S. Patent 6,324,177 ("Howes-Cisco")

This reference is directed to a method of managing conventional network connections, and does not deal with the same type of user accounts as the present application.

U. S. Publication 2002/0019844 ("Kurowski-Entropia")

This reference describes a system where resources of conventional computers connected to the Internet, for example, can be used to assist in performing a distributed computing task. There is no suggestion of using a group of dedicated headless computers. The document indicates conventional computers, e.g., those of home users, can be used to assist with part of a large computational task. The system also operates a kind of distributed computing setup that relies on spare capacity on another user's machine, rather than assigning a client computer account to a "slave" headless computer so that a client can use that headless computer to perform a specific task when desired.
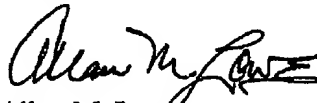
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    In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance are in order.

    To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 08-2025, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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